

What support exists to help me with this project?

The Senior Connections/UW Comp teachers will be responsible for the following tasks:

- ✓ instructing students in research
- ✓ guiding students in producing proposals that are acceptable in their content and format
- ✓ grading and recording research
- ✓ requiring and recording each student's documentation (logs, etc.)
- ✓ relaying any messages to their students
- ✓ email all concerns about students to SP Coordinator to be forwarded to Panel Members

Panel Members will be responsible for the following tasks:

- ✓ inspecting student proposals to see if they will produce a result that is consistent with our goals
- ✓ providing students with guidelines to revise proposals
- ✓ communicating in a timely manner with Senior Project Coordinator if there are concerns
- ✓ reading logs twice between February and May, reporting concerns to SP Coordinator
- ✓ reading each student's I-Search abstract and bibliography, reporting concerns to SP Coordinator
- ✓ emailing all concerns to SP Coordinator to be stored and forwarded to both the student and his/her teacher

Senior Project (SP) Coordinator will be responsible for the following tasks:

- ✓ providing organizational structures for the Senior Project
- ✓ preparing and updating the student database

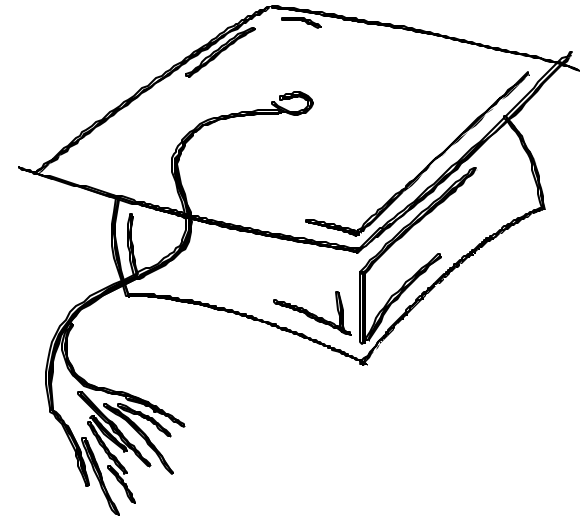
- ✓ facilitating SC/UW teacher meetings
- ✓ storing and forwarding panel communication to SC/UW teachers
- ✓ forwarding messages to students (via TA's)
- ✓ communicating with parents about Senior Project issues (as distinct from SC/UW Comp issues)
- ✓ designing and distributing a Senior Project progress report
- ✓ facilitating faculty in-service on Senior Project
- ✓ organizing Senior Project Day (assigning roles, inviting public, etc.)

Students will be responsible for the following tasks:

- ✓ identifying a viable project
- ✓ submitting a satisfactory Senior Project Proposal
- ✓ obtaining parent permission to pursue the proposed project
- ✓ meeting with panel at assigned times
- ✓ seeking panel's assistance when needed
- ✓ establishing relations in the community to gain help (formal or informal mentorships)
- ✓ completing a successful I-Search paper
- ✓ completing and documenting at least 60 hours of verifiable work on the Senior Project
- ✓ preparing a portfolio of documentation for the panel
- ✓ making a passing presentation to the assigned panel, a student audience, and community members

EASTLAKE HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR PROJECT

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What is the Senior Project?

The Senior Project is a graduation requirement that gives students the opportunity to connect school to life outside of school. Students choose projects that connect to vocational, academic, service, and/or cultural interests. These projects are the basis for students to refine and demonstrate the skills they have gained in school while pursuing a personal interest. Students conduct research, write an I-Search paper, conduct 60 hours of verifiable work on a product or process, document their work, and make a presentation May 23rd of 2002.

What are the goals of the Senior Project?

Project must accomplish all of the following...

- ✓ networking in the community outside of school (mentors, agencies, businesses)
- ✓ explore a passion that connects to student's future
- ✓ apply academic learning to a vocational, academic, or community interest
- ✓ to serve the community (optional)
- ✓ to extend learning in a way that classroom instruction cannot

Who does the Senior Project?

All students who are enrolled in Senior Connections or UW Comp. Early graduates must complete a passing I-Search paper and 20 hours of documented work.

What types of projects are acceptable?

All projects must involve a demonstration of mastery in the Advanced Literacy of Communication and mastery in at least one other of the following areas: Culture, Citizenship, Math/Science, School-to-Career.

The following project areas are prohibited due to safety and liability issues:

skiing, snowboarding, mountain climbing, boating, scuba diving, flying, making or using weapons, horseback riding, sport camps or clinics, boxing, cheer or drill clinics.

Those who would like to pursue projects that fall in a gray area around the above-mentioned topics must see Stephanie Monaghan by November 1st to negotiate with the Risk Management Specialist.

Projects that involve unethical or illegal behavior are obviously prohibited. This includes experimentation on human subjects

Do I need a mentor?

Yes and no. You need a professional in the field of your project who will review your work and verify its authenticity and quality. This person need not meet with you on an ongoing basis, but having a mentor who can meet with you occasionally is enormously helpful.

What are the steps to the Senior Project?

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| Feasibility Study | 9/19 |
| Senior Project Proposal due | 10/17 |
| I-Search Paper due | 12/5 |
| Risk Management deadline | 1/4 |
| Last day to change project | 1/9 |
| Logs to Panel #1 | 2/27 |
| Logs to Panel #2 | 4/10 |
| Logs to Panel #3* | 5/8 |
| Portfolio to Panel | 5/8 |
| Rehearsals | 4/29-5/17 |
| Cleared to Present | 5/10 |
| Presentation Day | 5/23 |
| Re-do deadline | 6/7 |

*60 hours must be completed by this time. Students will submit a plan for completing the project as part of the portfolio that will be given to panels on May 8th. Students who do not appear to be ready to present will be pulled from the schedule on May 10th.

How do I propose a project?

The proposal template is in the "Senior" folder on the EHS file server. Instructions for accessing the template are written on the whiteboard in the library computer lab. Copy the template to a disk and enter your own information. Be sure to have your parent/guardian sign it.

If you have questions, please see Mrs. Monaghan before or after school, or during 2nd and 6th periods.

How do I document my project?

The log template is available in the same file as the Proposal template. Copy it to a disk and save each time you enter new information. Logs will be given to your panels on designated days.